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SUBJECT: OASGA: JUNE 27

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1. GA HELD BRIEF PLENARY SESSION MORNING OF JUNE 27  
TO HEAR PREPARED STATEMENT OF URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER  
ROVIRA, WHO DID NOT ADDRESS SATURDAY MORNING PLENARY.  
HIS SPEECH TURNED OUT TO BE MODERATE STATEMENT OF  
GOU POSITION ON ISSUES BEFORE ASSEMBLY AND WAS  
CHIEFLY NOTABLE FOR ITS RESTRAINT ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
ISSUES (PARTICULARLY IN COMPARISON WITH SHRILL  
URUGUAYAN PERFORMANCE AT VI AND VII GAS). HE WENT  
SO FAR AS TO PRAISE IAHRC, AT LEAST BY INFERENCE.  
ALSO OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS ROVIRA'S STATEMENT  
THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 50 OF  
OAS BUDGET TO REDUCE "PATERNAL" RELATIONSHIP OF ONE  
STATE TO REST, ECHOING SENSE IF NOT SENTIMENT OF  
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ARGENTINE FONMIN'S COMMENT DURING INFORMAL DIALOGUE.  
ROVIRA ALSO RETURNED TO THEME OF PERUVIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER RE MULTILATERALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
OBSERVANCE TO ASSURE THAT HEMISPHERE IS NOT DIVIDED  
INTO 'GOOD' AND 'BAD' STATES.

AMBASSADORS MCGEE AND PEZZULLO SPOKE PRIVATELY

WITH ROVIRA AFTER PLENARY ENDED TO CONGRATULATE ROVIRA ON HIS ACCOMODATING APPROACH TO IAHC AND EXPRESS HOPE THIS SUGGESTED GOU WOULD ACCEPT EARLY VISIT BY COMMISSION. HE WAS NON-COMMITAL BUT CLEARLY ELATED BY THEIR RESPONSE.

2. COMMITTEE I MET IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER TO CONSIDER ANNUAL REPORT OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. IAHC PRESIDENT ANDRES AGUILAR GAVE LENGTHY BUT RELATIVELY DISPASSIONATE SUMMARY OF REPORT, INCLUDING PORTION ON CHILE. CHILEAN DELEGATE (UN AMBASSADOR SERGIO DIEZ) RESPONDED TO AGUILAR WITH LOW-KEY DEFENSE OF CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE, AND EXPLANATION OF REGIME'S TIMETABLE FOR RETURN TO MORE REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT. HIS REMARKS WERE SPICED WITH COMPLIMENTS TO IAHC FOR ITS WORK AND EXPRESSIONS OF GOC'S WISH TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH COMMISSION. VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR MACHIN THEN ASKED FOR FLOOR AND LAUNCHED HIS LONG-THREATENED ATTACK ON NICARAGUA. PULLING SHEAFs OF DOCUMENTS FROM HIS BRIEFCASE, MACHIN QUOTED FROM THE 'COMISION PRO DERECHOS HUMANOS' AND DENOUNCED SOMOZA REGIME IN BITTER TERMS FOR OVER HALF AN HOUR, CITING DETAILS OF DOZENS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. MACHIN SAID VENEZUELA WOULD PROPOSE NO ACTION AGAINST NICARAGUA AT THIS GA BUT, WITH IAHC REPORT IN HAND FOLLOWING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS VISIT, HE WOULD SPEAK AGAIN IN PERMANENT COUNCIL AND SUGGEST CONCRETE STEPS THEN. TURNING TO CHILE, MACHIN SPOKE FOR ANOTHER HALF-HOUR, STARTING OFF WITH SERIES OF MILD COMPLIMENTS ON PROGRESS MADE IN PAST YEAR, HE SOON TOOK OFFENSIVE BY CONTRASTING STATEMENTS OF DIEZ ON STEPS TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND "CLARIFICATIONS" BY PINOCHET RESTRICTING POLITICAL RIGHTS. MACHIN CONTINUED DRAMATIC DISPLAY BY PRODUCING YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPERS FROM SANTIAGO AND READING SERIES OF ITEMS ON DETENTIONS OF PERSONS FOR ATTENDING POLITICAL MEETINGS, SUSPENSIONS OF NEWSPAPERS FOR VIOLATING CENSORSHIP AND OTHER EXAMPLES HE CITED TO DISPROVE ADVANCE TOWARD MORE REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, CLAIMED BY DIEZ, WHICH HE REFERRED TO AS "AUTHORITARIAN DEMOCRACY OR DEMOCRATIC DICTATORSHIP", BOTH CONTRADICTIONS IN TERMS, ACCORDING TO MACHIN. DIEZ RESPONDED BRIEFLY WHEN HE ASKED FOR AND GOT FLOOR, WITH MACHIN'S APPROVAL, TO SAY CHILEAN PRESS CENSORSHIP DATED FROM 1927 AND HAD BEEN INVOKED FREQUENTLY BY ALLENDE REGIME.

AMBASSADOR MCGEE, WHO WILL SPEAK AT TOMORROW MORNING'S SESSION FOLLOWED BY SEVILLA SACASA OF NICARAGUA.

4. AFTERNOON EVENTS FEATURED FIRST MEETING OF GENERAL COMMITTEE WHICH CONCERNED INTER-ALIA U.S.-PANAMA RESOLUTIONS ON PANAMA CANAL TREATY. FIRST RESOLUTION (WHICH INVOLVED CONGRATULATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS) WAS ADOPTED 25-0. SECOND RESOLUTION (PROVIDING FOR DEPOSIT OF NEUTRALITY TREATY WITH OAS) WAS ADOPTED 24-0 WITH ONE ABSTENTION (BRAZIL). SECOND MAJOR ITEM OF BUSINESS, CONSIDERATION OF OAS RESTRUCTURING, WAS POSTPONED UNTIL TOMORROW TO ALLOW DELEGATES AMPLE TIME TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MEXICAN DELEGATION, AS WELL AS ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY U.S. DELEGATION. VANCE

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